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Serial No. : 09/652,841 Group Art Unit : 2815  
Filed : August 31, 2000 Examiner : Jose R. Diaz  
Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A  
CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

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Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 92 and 102-105.

Please amend claims 91 and 94 as follows:

EI 191. (Twice Amended) A method of treating a semiconductor device,  
comprising:

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